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14 JUL 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, President's Board of Consultants on
Foreign Intelligence Activities

SUBJECT: Report on Foreign Intelligence Publications

1. Attached is the second part of the report requested in your memorandum of 6 January 1960 (revised 9 February 1960). It expresses the Intelligence Board's views in compliance with the requirements stated in Paragraph 2, g and h, of your memorandum:

g. The views of the IIB as to the essentiality of all the issuances referred to in a., above.

h. The views of the IIB as to whether undesirable duplication is involved either in the production, the content, or the distribution of the issuances referred to in a., above."

2. This report reflects the combined views of the various agencies which produce intelligence periodicals and was produced by the IIB Ad Hoc Publications Committee assisted by task forces created to survey specific categories of issuances.

3. Although I cannot claim that this survey has produced an immediate or major increase in the economy and efficiency of the community publishing effort, I do feel that it has resulted in reflective appraisal which will contribute to continuing improvement, and has directed the attention of the agencies to various periodicals for re-examination.

4. You will also note that the report indicates a considerable amount of self-censoring by the publishers which has resulted in the elimination or merger of a number of publications.

5. The Intelligence Board has approved the continuation of its Ad Hoc Publications Committee for the purpose of studying the feasibility of establishing a joint intelligence daily. I feel that such a study can not only identify some of the problems involved in the

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coordination of such a publication but also estimate the cost of such a combined daily issuance as compared with the total cost of several daily publications.

6. Progress toward greater economy and coordination in intelligence publishing is a constant aim of the Intelligence Board, and I feel that the current report is a step in this direction.

Allen W. Dulles
Chairman

Attachment

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